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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A, MISSION SHOULD OBTAIN
AND REPORT ALLIED REACTIONS AT APRIL 6 SPC MEETING
TO U.S. DRAFT PART III FOR ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY
(REFTEL A). WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO WITHHOLD U.S.
SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON FRENCH PART III DRAFT (REFTEL B)
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UNTIL CANADIAN DRAFT, AND ANY OTHER ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS
(REFTEL C), ARE RECEIVED AND WE CAN EXAMINE THEM AS
A PACKAGE. MISSION SHOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME FRENCH
DRAFT AS CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
ALLIED AGREEMENT ON A PART III WHICH WILL PLAY A
SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT PROCESS.

2. FOLLOWING TACTICAL GUIDANCE (REFTEL D) ON U.S.
DRAFT III IS PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO THAT CONTAINED
REFTEL A FOR MISSION'S USE AT APRIL 6 SPC MEETING
(COMMENTS ARE GEARED TO THOSE OF TEXT IN REFTEL A):

A. WE PREFER TO LET CANADIANS THEMSELVES PROPOSE
STUDY REFERENCES TO TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE,
AND TO LTDP (REFTEL E), IF CANADIANS SO DESIRE.

B. MISSION MAY SUBSTITUTE "APPROACHES" FOR "INITIA-
TIVES", AS IN TEXT PARAGRAPH TWO, IF NECESSARY
FOR ALLIED AGREEMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF CONCERTED NATO
ATTITUDES IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

C. WE PREFER TO AVOID QUALIFIER WHICH INDICATE THAT
ONLY MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN INTEGRATED MILITARY
STRUCTURE HAVE AGREED TO POINTS SUCH AS IN TEXT PARA-
GRAPH EIGHT. MISSION MAY, HOWEVER, BE RECEPTIVE IF
ALLIED CONSENSUS DEVELOPS IN FAVOR OF THIS QUALIFIER.

D. THE FOLLOWING FALLBACKS FOR TEXT PARAGRAPH 11
MAY BE OFFERED IF ALLIED CONSENSUS DEVELOPS AGAINST
ORIGINAL LANGUAGE:

1) LINE 20: MISSION MAY AGREE TO DELETION OF
"CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE CRITERIA TO".   "FACILITATE"
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WOULD THEN BECOME "FACILITATING".

2) LINES 30-31: MISSION MAY AGREE TO DELETE "TO A
COLLECTIVE APPROACH".

E. MISSION SHOULD NOT INITIATE BUT MAY BE RECEPTIVE
TO IMPERATIVE TENSE MODIFICATIONS AS LONG AS THEY
RETAIN SUBSTANCE OF DESIRED U.S. APPROACH.

3. WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON PARTS I AND II OF
THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY EXCEPT AS CONCERNS
THE HANDLING OF THE EUROCOMMUNISM ISSUE (REFTEL D).

4. THE IMPORTANT POINT FOR US ON EUROCOMMUNISM IS NOT
THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS DISCUSSED IN THE STUDY,
BUT THE FACT THAT IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE STUDY
AS AN ISSUE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THE SUBSTITUTE
LANGUAGE TABLED BY THE FRENCH FOR PART ONE EURO-
COMMUNISM PARAGRAPH (REFTEL F) IS IN OUR VIEW AN
ADEQUATE STATEMENT OF THE UNCERTAINTY OVER THE
"DIRECTION THESE PARTIES WILL ULTIMATELY TAKE."
FURTHER, WE WISH TO AVOID DISCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTIVE

ATTITUDE THE FRENCH ARE NOW TAKING TOWARDS PART III
(REFTEL G).

5. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE AGREE TO THE FRENCH
REVISION. MISSION SHOULD ALSO SUGGEST (OR, IF MORE
APPROPRIATE, SEEK TO HAVE ANOTHER ALLY SUGGEST) THAT
FRENCH LANGUAGE BE USED MUTATIS MUTANDIS IN PLACE
OF THE PRESENT STRONGLY WORDED PARAGRAPHS ON
EUROCOMMUNISM IN DRAFT PART II (42BIS AND 42TER OF
ISD/176 (REVISED)). WHILE WE LEAVE TO MISSION TO
DECIDE WHETHER SUCH AN IDEA WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE
ALSO SEE POSSIBILITY OF SPLITING FRENCH REVISION
TO SATISFY BOTH PART ONE AND PART TWO NEEDS, I.E.:

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PART I: "IN THE THIRD WORLD... WILL ULTIMATELY TAKE."

PART II: "ONE OF THE SOVIET PREOCCUPATIONS... TO ITS
OWN SATISFACTION."

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